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Reaction to Reagan Initiative

Israeli Cabinet Rejection; Officials Comment -- The Israeli Cabinet rejected the latest proposals by U.S. President Ronald Reagan as "gravely" deviating from and contradicting the Camp David accords, and possibly posing a "serious danger" to Israeli security. Reading out the Cabinet statement over IDF radio, Cabinet Secretary Dan Meridor outlined point by point the "contradictions" between the Camp David accords and the Reagan proposals. Issues in dispute included the status of Jerusalem, Palestinian control over their own security, a freeze in Israeli settlements in "Judaea, Samaria" and Gaza, the definition of full autonomy, ties with Jordan and the application of Israeli sovereignty over occupied territories. Although it acknowledged U.S. promises rejecting the establishment of a Palestinian state, the statement insisted that if the proposals were implemented such a state would be set up and be allied with the USSR in hostile cooperation with Arab states. The statement concluded that Israel is not prepared to renew autonomy talks based on "total loyalty" to the Camp David accords. Meridor added that ministers at the Cabinet meeting expressed "surprise and bitterness" over the U.S. attitude, because Israel was not the first to be consulted by the United States, as had been agreed upon in a 1973 memorandum, the radio said.

According to a Jerusalem radio report on the meeting, Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin spoke emotionally when he alleged that the Reagan "plan" is worse than the plan by former Secretary of State William Rogers, adding that anyone who adopts this new plan could be called a "traitor." Later, the radio said officials in Begin's office denied he used this term. Begin expressed anger that Jordan and Saudi Arabia were consulted by Reagan concerning the plan, and he was annoyed that U.S. officials lauded the U.S. forces' role in the evacuation without mentioning the IDF. Meanwhile, the radio reported that Begin sent a message to Reagan on the Cabinet decision.

Replying to the first message from President Reagan, Begin wrote that Israel "rejects outright" the proposals as "deviating" from Camp David, MA'ARIV revealed. The paper also said the second message Reagan sent to Begin was viewed in Jerusalem as an attempt to dissipate the "bitterness" created by the first message on new U.S. proposals.

On the evening of 2 September, Begin held talks conducted in a "correct atmosphere" with U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, ITIM reported, citing the prime minister's spokesman. Begin informed Weinberger that Israel will not negotiate with anyone on the new Reagan proposals but that the autonomy talks can begin immediately, based on Camp David, with all the agreed parties. Begin said Israel "took offense" that the United States failed to talk to Israel first before releasing the proposals. A Jerusalem radio report on the meeting revealed that Begin said this was one of the "saddest days" in his life.

Weinberger also metwith Israeli Defense Minister Ari'el Sharon and toured "Judaea, Samaria" and military equipment manufacturing plants, Jerusalem radio reported. viewed on Jerusalem television, Sharon declared that security matters in the areas of "Judaea, Samaria" and Gaza are Israel's exclusive responsibility.

In another Jerusalem television interview, Labor Party Chairman Shim'on Peres affirmed that he sees "positive things" in the Reagan proposals and that they can serve as a basis for further negotiations between the United States and Israel. Meanwhile, in an effort to coordinate an Israeli position, the Knesset will meet next week for debates, Jerusalem radio confirmed.

Arab World Optimism, Criticism -- A Jordanian Foreign Ministry spokesman cited by Amman television announced that Reagan's proposals are currently under study but that a preliminary reading of Reagan's speech indicates it contains a number of "positive factors." PLO Political Department head Faruq Qaddumi said the implications of the new Reagan stand are "good," according to AFP. Jerusalem radio confirmed that PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat had received a copy of the Reagan proposals and discussed them with PLO leaders. Monte Carlo radio, the Palestinian News Agency, said the PLO Executive Committee met to discuss the current situation. Reports by Damascus radio also noted that the PFLP and Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestinian had rejected the proposals. Meanwhile, MENA reported that leading Egyptian papers welcomed the Reagan initiative as a turning point, and Jerusalem radio revealed that the Egyptian ambassador in Israel pointed to the positive "trend" in the proposals. MENA also announced that the Egyptian president will hold a meeting on 4 September to discuss the issue, and that the Egyptian Cabinet will meet on 5 September. Syria reacted to the proposals in a Damascus radio report noting the Israeli Cabinet's rejection of the "so-called" U.S. peace plan. According to Riyadh radio, the Saudi minister of information confirmed that the new U.S. proposals have been received and are being studied. SPA observed that what is new in the proposals is only the call for autonomy with Jordanian participation and for the halt to Israeli settlements. A Mecca paper questioned whether the U.S. stand is a real effort or "another U.S. maneuver," SPA reported. Voice of Lebanon radio reports indicated that the Lebanese Embassy in Washington lauded the U.S. position, but that the Lebanese Government in Beirut had not yet received any official contact from the United States. The Tunisian foreign minister said the new proposals "obviously" represent progress, Tunis radio reported. According to an Algiers radio commentary, the latest U.S. proposals are not really new and are unlikely to reassure the Arabs.

Lebanon

Israeli Prime Minister Begin secretly met with Lebanese President-elect Bashir al-Jumayyil in Israel 2 nights ago, Jerusalem radio revealed on 3 September. The radio said the Israeli foreign and defense ministers also attended this meeting, which dealt with Lebanese political arrangements and ties with Israel. At a Lebanese Cabinet meeting on 2 September, Prime Minister Shafiq al-Wazzan announced that the Lebanese Army had taken up positions in west Beirut, the Voice of Lebanon reported. The radio said President Ilyas Sarkis spoke at the meeting and called for unity, sovereignty and support for Al-Jumayyil to achieve these aims.

Meanwhile, the radio affirmed that Israeli forces have withdrawn from the airport perimeter and southern suburbs of Beirut.

According to MA'ARIV, there are about 4,000 "terrorists" left in west Beirut, many of whom are ranking PLO members.

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KARMAL URGES IMPROVED TIES WITH PAKISTAN, IRAN

LD021058 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0435 GMT 2 Sep 82

[Text] Kabul, Sept. 1, BAKHTAR -- Babrak Karmal today once again reiterated the goodwill of the state of the DRA for the normalization of the relations with the neighbouring countries, especially Pakistan and Iran. However, he added that unfortunately the bandits and sold-out mercenaries are still receiving military training in the territory of Pakistan and are being sent to Afghanistan for terroristic activities, owing to the conspiracies of imperialism headed by the U.S.A. has brought pressures to bear on Pakistan.

The general secretary of the PDPA CC and president of the Revolutionary Council was addressing a group of soldiers of revolution who have returned to Kabul from Panjsher Valley after the discharge of their revolutionary duties.

Babrak Karmal told the soldiers of revolution: "Today that I see in your faces the valour, bravery, energy and [word indistinct] will, I once again declare loud and clear that by having such valourous sons the glorious April Revolution is victorious."

Babrak Karmal said that the feats of the soldiers of revolution in Panjsher are an example of creative and brave conduct since they simultaneously pursued the enemy with arms in hand and on the other hand helped the people in other ways.

Babrak Karmal said: "We are not thinking of our own. A true revolutionary always thinks of the future generations and the future sons of the country who should be prosperous. "

"You have realized in the course of your struggles and while fulfilling your revolutionary duties that we can no longer leave the millions of sons of this country to continue with a miserable life from the moral and material point of view.

Therefore, Babrak Karmal continued, our conscience, our prideful party and our revolution orders us that we should totally annihilate the counterrevolution and should get to the construction of a new, blossoming and prosperous society.

Babrak Karmal added that due to the correct and principled policy of the party after the new and evolutionary phase of the April Revolution and due to the correct method and expansion of social and mass organizations the people are turning to the party and state from day to day. Today the people of Afghanistan want a countrywide peace and establishment of security from the party and state.

PAKISTANI 'SPY' PRESENTED AT PRESS CONFERENCE

LD021738 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 2 Sep 82

[Text] A Pakistani military officer and spy, Mohammad 'Ali, today at a press conference exposed the enemies of the April Revolution and of the heroic people of Afghanistan; he unveiled the open interference by Pakistan, U.S. imperialism and Chinese hegemonism in the domestic affairs of our country.

The press conference, held at the Stori Palace of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was attended by journalists, representatives of various institutions and ministries, reporters from foreign countries and cultural attaches of various embassies.

The BAKHTAR correspondent reports that at the beginning of the press conference an official of the Information Department of the PDPA Central Committee spoke and answered questions concerning a book -- The True Faces of the Afghan Counterrevolution -- in which the crimes of the rebels infiltrated from abroad and the shameless interference in our internal affairs by imperialism, Chinese hegemonism and regional reaction are detailed.

Next the Pakistani spy, Mohammad 'Ali, son of Mokhtar Ahmad, who had been captured by the security forces, answered the journalists' questions regarding his subversive activities.

Mohammad 'Ali, who completed his elementary school education in Lahore, Pakistan, and continued his studies in the military service, rising to the rank of officer, said: After receiving espionage training in Pakistan from Pakistani, American, Chinese and Egyptian instructors, at first I worked in the third section [as heard] of the Pakistani espionage organization in various Indian cities.

Answering a question, he said: When I was assigned by the Pakistani militarist government to spy on Afghanistan, I entered the country with the help of the Afghan counterrevolutionaries in Nimruz Province. After having been in the country for 22 days and carrying out some activities, I was captured by the Afghan security forces.

Pakistani spy Akhtar [name as heard] spoke about the American, Chinese, Pakistani and Egyptian instructors who are engaged in training Afghan counterrevolutionaries in the camps of the Afghan fugitives in Pakistan. He said: The Afghan fugitives are being trained in Lahore, Peshawar and [name indistinct] cities and along the border areas; they are sent to Afghanistan for the purpose of intimidation.

At the conclusion of the press conference an announcement issued by the BAKHTAR agency was read out condemning the shameful interference in the internal affairs of our country by imperialism, regional reaction and Chinese hegemonism and exposing the agents and servants of reaction and imperialism.

A number of various weapons, which have been seized from the enemies of the people of Afghanistan, were put on display. These included various American, Chinese, Egyptian, British, German and Pakistani machineguns; antitank and antipersonnel mines; mortars and rockets.

The BAKHTAR correspondent reports that at the end of the press conference the guests and journalists visited the weapons' display ground and saw photographs on the subversive activities of the rebel bands.

AFP: REBELS SET UP NEWS SERVICE IN KABUL

BK311409 Hong Kong AFP in English 1230 GMT 31 Aug 82

[Text] Islamabad, Aug 31 (AFP) -- A new Afghan news service has been set up in a "resistance-controlled" district of Kabul Province to broadcast information on latest events in the country, it was announced in Peshawar, close to the Afghan border, today.

Named "Afghan Islamic Press" [word indistinct] the agency is headed by Mohammad Yaqub Sharafat, who has served as spokesman of the five-party resistance alliance led by Rasul Sayyaf.

Launching the service, Mr Sharafat said the new agency would supply information on the various resistance groups "impartially", and hoped all rebel organisations would cooperate.

ERSHAD SENDS MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY TO 'ARAFAT

BK030312 Dacca Domestic Service in English 0145 GMT 3 Sep 82

[Text] Chief Martial Law Administrator [CMLA] Lt Gen H.M. Ershad has reaffirmed Bangladesh's total and unshakable support to the just cause of the Palestinians. In a message to Yasir 'Arafat, chairman of the PLO Executive Committee and general commander of the Palestinian liberation forces, General Ershad said, God willing, his country will continue to render all possible assistance to the Palestinians till they achieve an independent sovereign state of their own homeland.

The CMLA said the long and heroic resistance of the Palestinians to the invading Zionist forces symbolized the inevitable triumph of their just cause. General Ershad said Bangladesh salutes the valiant freedom fighters of Palestine wherever they are. [passage indistinct]

GOVERNMENT BANS BENGALI POLITICAL WEEKLY

BK030831 Hong Kong AFP in English 1630 GMT 2 Sep 82

[Text] Dacca, Sep. 2 (AFP) -- The military government has banned a Bengali political weekly for publishing a prejudicial report in its latest issue of August 27 in the first major action against a newspaper since the takeover by General Hussain Mohammad Ershad five months ago. An official order issued by the Home Ministry yesterday was served on the weekly today.

The widely read weekly ITTEHAD is edited and published by Oli Ahad, a close associate of former President Khandaker Moshtaque Ahmed who heads the rightist party Democratic League. Activities of all political parties including the Democratic League were suspended under a martial law regulation.

In its issue, the weekly carried a lead story captioned "Bureaucrats Not Cooperating: Threat to Secretariat, If We Fail None Will Be Spared." The report claimed to have details of a meeting General Ershad held with civilian officials on August 21 at which military personnel reportedly accused the civilian bureaucrats of not cooperating with the new regime.

The order against the weekly under the Special Powers Act of 1974, said that the government had prohibited the publication of any subsequent issue of the weekly.

The banning of ITTEHAD came close on the heels of a threatened action programme by the journalists beginning tomorrow to press home their demand for a cost of living allowance which was granted to government employees last June because of inflation. The journalist leaders said they will start wearing protest badges from tomorrow and if their demand was not met, would stop work on September 10.

BRIEFS

MARTIAL LAW TRIBUNAL HEAD -- An official announcement in Dacca on 28 August says Brig Gen (Abdullah al-Hussain) has been appointed chairman of Special Martial Law Tribunal No 1. [Dacca Domestic Service in English 1200 GMT 28 Aug 82 BK]

EXPANSION OF RADIO, TV NETWORK -- The government has earmarked over 240 million taka for implementation of 19 projects in the mass communication sector during the current fiscal year. The annual development program for 1982-83 envisages construction of a 100-kilowatt medium transmission center at Bogra, expanding the radio network in the northern region. Of the 19 projects, 5 are expected to be completed by December. These are development of Rampura television center, establishment of a television relay station at Sakchura, completion of the history of liberation war, expansion of film studio laboratories and establishment of a television substation. The implementation of the program relating to the television will expand the television network throughout the country. [Text] [Dacca Domestic Service in English 0145 GMT 13 Aug 82 BK]

'MAJOR CHANGE' IN CABINET PORTFOLIOS ANNOUNCED

BK021321 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 2 Sep 82

[Text] The Union Council of Ministers has been reshuffled. In a major change announced a short while ago, Prakash Chand Sethi has taken over home, Abdul Barkat Ataul Ghani Khan Choudhury Railways, Narain Dutt Tiwari Industries, Steel and Mines and Coal and Anant Prasad Sharma Communications. Vasant Sathe takes over Chemicals and Fertilizers, C.M. Stephen Shipping and Transport, Shiv Shankar Energy and Petroleum and Virendra Patil Labor and Rehabilitation.

There are five new entrants as ministers of state. N.K.P. Salve takes independent charge of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Pattabhi Rama Rao will be minister of state for finance, H.K.L. Bhagat Works and Housing and Parliamentary Affairs, R.C. Rath Chemicals and Fertilizers and Vir Bhadra Singh Industry.

The three new deputy ministers are Ghulam Nabi Azad, Law, Ashok Gehlot Tourism and Digvijay Singh Department of Ecology.

At the level of the ministers of state, Khurshid Alam Khan takes independent charge of the Ministry of Tourism, Bhagwat Jha Azad gets independent charge of Civil Aviation and Civil Supplies. Buta Singh gets supplies and the newly created Ministry of Sports. Gargi Shankar Mishra gets Steel and Mines in addition to Coal. Dalbir Singh moves to the Ministry of Energy from Petroleum, Chemicals and Fertilizers. A.A. Rahim goes to External Affairs from Law, Justice and Company Affairs. C.P.N. Singh takes charge of the newly created Department of Nonconventional Energy in the Ministry of Energy in addition to the Departments of Electronics, Ecology and Ocean Development. P. Venkatasubbiah will now be the minister of state for home affairs only.

The resignations of S.S. Sisodia, the former minister of state in the Ministry of Finance, and Charanjit Channana, minister of state in the Ministries of Industries and Steel and Mines, have been forwarded to the president.

The four ministers, who were administered the oath of office by President Zail Singh in Rashtrapati Bhavan [President House] today are: N.K.P. Salve, H.K.L. Bhagat, Ashok Gehlot and Digvijay Singh. The other four ministers are likely to be sworn in later.

GANDHI REORGANIZES CONGRESS PARTY COMMITTEE

BK021636 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 2 Sep 82

[Text] Congress-I President Mrs Indira Gandhi has reconstituted the party's Central Parliamentary Board as well as the Working Committee. The reconstituted Parliamentary Board includes Kamlapati Tripathi, R. Venkataraman, P.V. Narasimha Rao, Pranab Mukherjee, Madura Chand Chandra Shekhar, Syed Mir Qasim and A.P. Sharma.

The reconstituted Working Committee has some new entrants including Defense Minister R. Venkataraman, Chief Minister of Punjab Darbara Singh and Orissa Chief Minister J.B. Patnaik. Union Health Minister Shankaranand also figures along with Nehan Singh of Meghalaya. The Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee has also been reconstituted.

ISRAELI 'ATROCITIES' AGAINST ASIANS REPORTED

BK010957 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 1 Sep 82

[Text] Details of Israeli atrocities on not only PLO fighters but also Asians hailing from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh have come to light. A Canadian doctor, who had worked in hospitals in Lebanon during the Israeli invasion, has been quoted by agencies as saying that Indians, Pakistanis and Bangladeshis were severely beaten up by Israeli soldiers. He described the conditions in prison as pathetic and said prisoners were even refused food and water and their hands were tied behind their backs with rope.

JAPAN'S SAKURAUCHI SPEAKS ON SOVIETS IN DRA

BK011041 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 1 Sep 82

[Text] Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshio Sakurauchi has called for immediate Soviet pullout from Afghanistan to pave the way for honorable return of over 2.7 million Afghan refugees taking shelter in Pakistan to their homeland. He was addressing Afghan refugees at the Nasirbagh tented village near Peshawar today. He reiterated Japan's strong support to the UN resolution and to the stand taken by the Islamic Conference on the Afghan issue for immediate withdrawal of Soviet troops and for restoration of Afghanistan's independent status.

The Japanese foreign minister, who was accompanied by Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, gave an assurance to the refugees that his country's assistance for them would continue in order to mitigate their sufferings and hardships which resulted from the Soviet action in their country. This action, he said, aroused great indignation and anxiety in many countries of the world which was a violation of basic principles of international law and accepted norms of behavior.

The Japanese foreign minister said the situation created by the Soviet action in Afghanistan also posed a threat to the world peace and international security. He appreciated the way Pakistan was looking after the Afghan refugees and said Japan highly valued the efforts of the Pakistan Government for the improvement of the living conditions of these refugees.

LAHORE POLICE CHARGE 9 MEMBERS OF MUSLIM LEAGUE

GF021222 Karachi DAWN in English 1 Sep 82 p 1

[By DAWN Lahore bureau]

[Text] Lahore, Aug 31 -- The police have registered cases against five leaders of the defunct Muslim League (Khairuddin group) and four student leaders for making objectionable speeches on independence day at the Muslim League house.

The leaders include Malik Mohammad Qasim, secretary general, and Major Ejaz Ahmed, assistant secretary.

The meeting was held despite an earlier warning not to do so.

SIND GOVERNMENT BANS THREE PUBLICATIONS

GF021232 Karachi DAWN in English 31 Aug 82 p 8

[Text] Sind government has banned three publications, English translation of holy Koran, a periodical magazine brought out by Communist Party of India and an Urdu monthly magazine from London.

English translation of holy Koran by one N.J. Dawood was found to contain material which is likely to create feelings of hatred, enmity and ill-will between different communities, sects and classes of citizens of Pakistan and hence the Sind government banned it under Section 39-A of West Pakistan Press and Publications Ordinance and announced forfeiture of all of its copies.

BRIEFS

AGRICULTURE MINISTER, DELEGATION TO CARIO -- Federal Minister for Food and Agriculture Vice Adm Mohammad Fazil Junjua left Islamabad on 21 August for Cairo on a week's visit to Egypt at the head of an agricultural delegation. The delegation would study various aspects of the Egyptian agriculture and discuss strengthening of mutual cooperation in this field. The delegation includes the chairman of the Pakistan Agricultural Research Council and representatives of the four provinces. [Text] [Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 21 Aug 82 BK]

USSR DENIES VISAS TO IRANIAN WRESTLING TEAM

GF021740 Tehran IRNA in English 1720 GMT 2 Sep 82

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 2 (IRNA) -- The Soviet Embassy in Tehran has refused to grant entry visas to the workers wrestling team, which was scheduled to take part in the Aliov International Wrestling Cup, due to open in Makhachkala, capital of Dagestan, northwest of Caspian Sea on Sept. 6, the evening daily KEYHAN reported today.

According to KEYHAN the 19-men team was due to leave Tehran yesterday, which would have been the first athletic team of workers to visit the Soviet Union since the victory of the Islamic revolution of Iran.

KEYHAN quoted the minister of labour and social affairs, Ahmad Tavakkoli, as having said that the reason behind this measure of the Soviet Embassy was that it was afraid of Islam. The minister, who was addressing the team yesterday afternoon, said: "This action of the Soviet authorities proved that they could not tolerate us, they could not tolerate you because you are the messengers of righteousness of the Islamic revolution of Iran".

Tavakkoli further told the members of the team: "If you had gone there, you would have certainly chanted Allah-o akbar (God is great), and they were afraid of this". At the end of his speech the minister of labour said that the Soviet officials proved that their claim of supporting the people was a pure lie.

The newspaper also quoted the head of the physical education department of the workers, Zanganeh, who informed the wrestlers of the Soviet Embassy's decision. He said that the Soviet officials had been in the process of completing necessary preparations for the participation of the Iranian team in the competition and even flight reservations had been made. He further told the athletes that the Soviet Embassy staff in Tehran made various excuses. However, once these excuses were met, he added, they just refused to grant visas.

In the opinion of Zanganeh, the reason for this decision of the Soviet officials was that they suspected that the Iranian team would make revelations concerning the Soviets' silence towards the Lebanese crisis. He further stressed that this incident was a political gain for Iran.

TEHRAN NOTES REAGAN PLAN FOR PALESTINIANS

LD022014 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 2 Sep 82

[Text] In continuation of the conspiracies of America and the Zionist regime aimed at confronting the Islamic revolution and creating the necessary conditions for continuing to crush the region's Muslim peoples movements and the Palestinian Resistance, U.S. President Ronald Reagan in a speech last night opposed the continuation of the settlement of Jews in the West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip, and asked for the formation of a Jordanian-Palestinian federation.

Reagan said: The United States is opposed to the establishment of an independent Palestinian country.

According to an IRNA report, Reagan emphasized: Western governments' good economic conditions depend on peace and stability in the Middle East region. He further said: We have accepted Camp David as a principle. But he immediately noted that the improvement of relations between the Arab regimes and Israel will not alone bring about the needed peace in the region, and emphasized the necessity of taking advantage of the present situation which has resulted from the departure of the Palestinians from Lebanon and Bashir al-Jumayyil's coming to power.

He said: The creation of an autonomous Palestinian state on the West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip under King Husayn's supervision will provide the best possibility for establishing permanent security.

The U.S. President's remarks show that by holding the resistive people of Palestine within the framework of a so-called formal autonomy under the rule of Shah Husayn of Jordan American terrorism intends to make the Palestinian issue a forgotten one forever on the one hand, and to suppress and stop the Islamic movement in the region, which considers the liberation of Jerusalem and the occupied lands as a symbol of struggle against imperialism-Zionism, on the other.

Meanwhile according to AP, Reagan has today expressed his readiness to send George Shultz, the country's secretary of state, to seek any encouraging response to his new plan on granting autonomy to the Palestinians and achieving peace in the Middle East.

REAGAN'S MIDEAST 'DOMINATION' SPEECH SCORED

LD022356 Tehran IRNA in English 1954 GMT 2 Sep 82

[Text] Tehran, Sep 2, IRNA -- The head of the imperialist U.S. Government, Ronald Reagan, in a speech on Wednesday night divulged aspects of U.S. and Zionist schemes in establishing their desirable security and stability in the Mid-East.

The speech was delivered after the 70 day war in Lebanon, which culminated in military defeat for U.S. imperialism and the Zionist regime in their attempts to occupy Beirut.

The U.S. and its Mid-East surrogates, foremost the Zionist regime and the reactionary Arab governments, had to settle for a political solution in getting the Palestinians out of Beirut. This for a superpower and the Zionist regime means defeat.

In his speech, Reagan emphasised that the implementation of the Camp David scheme would be the only way to dominate the region. And, he said, the Arab reactionary regimes should be made to negotiate through these proposed plans.

Reagan stressed that the opportunity for further exploitation of the region's resources by Western countries depended on the implementation of a "desirable peace and stability" in the Mid-East region.

In his speech he also commented on U.S. views concerning the reactionary regimes, the Zionists, and the movements of the Muslim people in the region.

He said that it was necessary that these movements be suppressed after the establishment of relations between the Zionist regime and the reactionary Arab regimes.

Reagan then said that the U.S. should aid attempts to give a sort of self-government to Palestinians, thereby aiding the Zionist regime's security. He said that negotiations in this area would aid in achieving these objectives.

Following his speech, Reagan requested the Arab regimes to accept the Zionist regime and hold direct negotiations with it.

Concluding his speech, Reagan, in order to gain public support for these imperialist plots, so-called peaceful plans, said that Jerusalem is inseparable and that its future decisions should be made through negotiations.

Reagan also divulged that the U.S. had decided to confine the revolutionary Palestinian people to a so-called unarmed self-government under the sovereignty of the reactionary regime of Jordan.

Through these Washington-Zionist regime schemes the Palestinian issue along with the suppression of the Islamic movements in the region, which considers the liberation of Jerusalem and the occupied lands as their humanitarian and national duty, will be obliterated forever.

GOVERNMENT TO INSURE IRAN-BOUND OIL TANKERS

LD021144 Tehran IRNA in English 1044 GMT 2 Sep 82

[Text] Tehran, September 2nd (IRNA) -- The Islamic Republic of Iran will insure all foreign oil tankers bound or Iranian ports to load oil, with a rate of one percent, announced Iranian Deputy Oil Minister Abbas Honardust this morning. Disclosing propaganda and economic conspiracies of foreign insurance companies and those of the reactionary countries of the Persian Gulf, Mr Honardust said journals dependent on international insurance companies have announced that insurance rates for tankers loading Iranian oil have multiplied. He said this was part of a pre-fabricated design played by multinational insurance companies and newspapers fed by them, oil cartels and also regional sheikhs.

To prove that the rise in rates emanated from a plot Honardust added Iran insurance company was ready to insure all tankers which were bound for Iranian ports to load oil with the previous one percent rate.

He declared that crude oil transportation companies could insure their tanker and the cargo it contained by contacting the Iran insurance company.

He continued that the Iranian insurance company, a state owned firm, was accepted at the international level. Speaking on the enemy's efforts to damage the Khark Island, Honardust declared that the crude oil exports had not been halted even for a day, in the course of the Iraqi imposed war on Iran which was nearing two years.

Iranian oil installations and ports had maintained their capacities and potentials, he went on, and that so far more than 62 Iraqi fighters had been downed in Khark Island by the Iranian combatants, thus turning the island into a graveyard of the Iraqi fighters.

Reminding that Iran had so far safeguarded the Khark Island's oil installations, and that it will continue to do so, Honardust said those propaganda attacks were due to Iraq's failure to gain the upper hand in the war, therefore it aimed at stopping the Iranian oil exports through propaganda. Reiterating that the Iranian oil export shipments had not been stopped even for a day, Honardust proclaimed the names of 14 oil tankers which had left Iranian ports last week with shipments of crude and light oil for various countries.

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE NO 1,035

LD021718 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 2 Sep 82

[Communique No 1,035 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. The self-sacrificing and powerful combatants of the Islamic Republic of Iran, supported by their faith and existing means, are making every effort to throw the inauspicious Saddam 'Aflaqi into the trashcan of history. Our units stationed at the western fronts fired on enemy positions, destroying one tank and one observation post belonging to the Iraqis and damaging two Iraqi tanks.

Our forces stationed at the Marivan front destroyed one Iraqi bunker, three 60-mm mortars and one fieldgun inside enemy territory and killed three Ba'thist mercenaries.

Sporadic exchanges of fire have continued during the past 24 hours along the country's southern fronts as a result of which some losses and casualties were inflicted on the enemy; some were killed, others injured.

The brave and self-sacrificing combatants of the gendarmerie opened fire on enemy communication lines across the Arvand Rud, stopping enemy traffic on the Al-Faw-Basra axis and destroying 14 Iraqi bunkers.

Iraqi aircraft appearing in the airspace of our Islamic country's operational region were driven off by our air defense units' fire.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

OFFER TO EXCHANGE PRISONERS' FAMILIES RESTATED

GF312008 Tehran IRNA in English 1630 GMT 31 Aug 82

[Text] Tehran, Aug 31, IRNA -- The Islamic Republic of Iran has announced its readiness for the acceptance of Iraqi POW families to visit Iran, starting September 22nd, and is awaiting a response from Baghdad. The head of the Red Cross mission to Iran, Mr Armin Kobel, and Iranian Deputy Interior Minister Gholam 'Abbas Zare, who is also in charge of the headquarters for POW's families' visit, met and conferred at the Interior Ministry on Monday.

Mr Zare' announced the preparedness of the Islamic Republic of Iran in performing this service. He also said that Iran was ready for the receiving of Iraqi POW's families beginning September 22nd, marking the second anniversary week of the imposed war.

On September 22nd, 1980, Iraq launched an overall aggression against Iranian Muslim people and attacked Iranian air bases.

Zare' also announced Iran's readiness to despatch Iranian families to Iraq, to visit Iranian POW's through Kuwait and Turkey.

Mr Kobel, praising the proposal of the Islamic Republic of Iran, also said that the Red Cross was prepared to cooperate the execution of this proposal as an impartial party. Mr Kobel added that after the suggestion of the Islamic Republic of Iran for POW's families' visit, Mr John Hofliger, the head representative of the International Red Cross Society (IRCS) in the Middle East, met with the officials of Iran and Iraq and also visited Turkey and Kuwait. He, also, was highly impressed by the readiness of the Islamic Republic in implementing this plan, added the IRCS's delegate. Since last January when the Islamic Republic of Iran made the humanitarian proposal concerning exchange visits of POW's families, it has not received any response concerning the issue from Iraqi officials.

IRAQ PAVES WAY FOR U.S. MANEUVERS IN REGION

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[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] The latest service rendered by the agent Baghdad rulers to their American masters was paving the way for the U.S.-Omani maneuvers scheduled to be staged in October. The U.S. Pentagon had been looking for a good reason to announce its evil intentions toward the Islamic Middle East, so it came up with a pretext to propose these maneuvers by labeling them under the framework of "protecting the oilfields from any external aggression," especially in response to the Iraqi threat. This imperialist administration had delayed the announcement on these maneuvers until now. It exploited the empty threats made recently by the Iraqi rulers on instruction from those who support them overseas. The Pentagon believes that staging such maneuvers or announcing that they will be staged requires specific circumstances that make everyone living in the Middle East, and particularly in the Gulf region, feel that there is some threat to them. Therefore, the Pentagon, in agreement with the tyrannical regime in Iraq, sought to create a situation whereby it could interfere in this vital region of the Islamic world. Thus, Iraq issued its warning on attacking any ship which approaches Islamic ports. The imperialist trumpets have depicted this utterance as being an extension of the war zone toward the Persian Gulf waters -- a matter that will affect navigation in the region.

All this was for the purpose of camouflage only, because the United States does not need even to knock on doors since it has agents standing by and ready to obey its orders. This is exactly what has happened between the White House and its agent oppressive regime in Iraq which is motivated by its imperialist instinct to open the wide doors of the region and stoop to the predominance of its imperialist masters. Since this regime started its tyrannical aggression against Iran it has been opening one door after another for its American masters and the like in order to strengthen their obnoxious presence in this part of the Islamic world.

The AWACS planes did not come to the region until 10 days or more after the beginning of the tyrannical Iraqi aggression against the Islamic Republic. After the AWACS, U.S. arms deals with its agent regimes were made and followed by U.S. military expertise and U.S. advisers who began to fill the palaces of agent presidents and rulers. Afterwards, the "Bright Start" maneuvers were staged in four Arab countries. Eventually, the Baghdad rulers learned that their masters want to stage naval and air maneuvers in the Persian Gulf waters in order to firmly establish their presence in the region. So these traitors started to play their assigned roles. Less than 1 month ago, these defeated traitors declared the Gulf region a military zone which was mined and closed to military and commerical ships and boats. Actually, navigation had almost been affected by this deluded claim had it not been for the Islamic naval force that proved the claim false.

After this desperate attempt and as a result of the talks held in Baghdad by Henry [as heard] Solarz who was sent by the U.S. Congress to negotiate with Saddam and his traitorous aides, once again this regime carried out a new task assigned to it by imperialism. The regime announced its threats and all the imperialist circles clamored that these threats would drag the whole region into an endless large-scale war.

Some foreign newspapers commented, saying that Iran will react to the Iraqi threats by closing down the strategic Strait of Hormuz. These newspapers claimed that this reaction was aired in form of an Iranian warning. Actually, the Islamic Republic did not reply at all to Saddam's threats except by showing the utter mockery of these empty threats. Other imperialist newspapers commenting on the Ba'th threats said after Iran's oil installations have been exposed to destruction by Iraqi planes, it will adopt a similar stance and will strike at the oil installations owned by the Gulf countries. The trumpets of imperialism kept regurgitating these comments until the Pentagon found that circumstances were suitable enough to announce its intention of staging joint maneuvers with Oman.

In this context, we can detect the dirty Ba'th role in all imperialist designs which are aimed at linking the entire region to U.S. predominance, both militarily and politically. Thus, we see that the main factor responsible for paving the way so that these imperialist military maneuvers can take place in the oppressive regime in Iraq which now poses the key danger to the security and stability of the region.

It is novel, however, that this imperialist role played by the oppressive regime in Baghdad takes place at a time when a Nonaligned Movement foreign ministers conference is to be held -- a conference that will discuss the agenda of the summit that will be held in New Delhi after the summit site was changed from Baghdad. The regime in Baghdad preferred to work for imperialism to anything else. At a time when the voice of the Nonaligned Movement is at the highest pitch ever due to disasters brought on the world by the West and the East, the regime in Baghdad has no other response than to link the region to imperialist predominance. It has no other response than to threaten the region's security and the region's interests. In whose interest? The interest of its masters in the White House, who are enjoying the riches of the oppressed peoples.

MUSAVI ON NEED FOR TRAINED PUBLICITY OFFICIALS

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[Text] According to the Central News Unit, the international affairs under secretary in the Ministry of National Guidance, together with a number of responsible officials from that ministry and a number of counsellors and cultural attaches who are leaving for abroad in order to open and start the work of Islamic Republic of Iran houses of culture, met and had talks with Mr Mir-Hoseyn Musavi, the prime minister, last night.

During the meeting, the international affairs under secretary in the Ministry of National Guidance and a number of responsible officials brought their reports to the attention of the prime minister. Mr Musavi praised the hard work carried out by the international section of that ministry and spoke about the need to obtain adequate information for the benefit of personnel engaged in the work of that section.

He said: Those who walk along this path and carry out this particular work would have adequate knowledge of and faith and belief in Islamic culture in order to be successful in disseminating it. Our brothers should also possess adequate knowledge of the current foreign culture in those countries where they intend to carry out their activities since without having this knowledge the possibility of transmitting the revolution's message to those countries will be limited or nonexistent.

In another part of his speech, Mr Musavi said: The condition for having good publicity abroad is that those who prepare the publicity should be acquainted with all the cultural aspects of the country in question and should thereby prepare material carrying reports on the cultural achievements of our country's revolution and also strive toward investigating the cultural aspects of the country in question.

The prime minister also spoke about the joint activities of the National Guidance Ministry and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs saying: These two ministries in some way or another have their destinies linked and in putting forward joint plans they are engaging in joint activities. In future, too, these two ministries should strive to cooperate with each other in holding seminars and congresses and carrying out various plans and programs.

'COMMUNIST MINIGROUP' DISCOVERED; 100 ARRESTED

GF312042 Tehran ETTELA'AT in Persian 19 Aug 82 p 13

[Text] The Public Relations Office of the Islamic Revolution Prosecutor's Office has published a communique in relation to shattering the organization that caused the bloody murders in Amol and seizing information about the communist minigroup organization and a great deal of ammunitions. The text of this communique is as follows:

In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. "Did you see what the citizens of Amol did to you?" -- Imam Khomeyni.

The brave nation of Iran, the martyr-producing citizens of Amol: After the progress of the Islamic fighters that makes us proud, with the brave operations inside the Iraqi soil, with the extensive help of the Hezbollahi nation and continuous efforts of our brothers in the Islamic revolution prosecutor's office, in a big operation, the American organization of communists of Iran and the planners and people responsible for the bloody murder of 26 January last year in Amol was shattered. About 100 members, cadres and officials of the branches in towns were arrested.

Also, a great number of safehouses, hidden and open printing houses of the organization, various types of ammunition, and a large number of RPG's, explosives, bulletproof clothing, one complete transceiver set, typing and printing machines and documents, information belonging to the group about the attack against Amol, their connection with Bani-Sadr and Rajavi, their communication with the agents of the great Satan in Kordestan and also many boxes of scarce and expensive medicines that the named minigroup had supplied for use in the war were discovered and sealed.

Among those arrested are:

1. Hoseyn Taj Mirriahi, alias Big Naser, chief theoretician of the organization's Central Committee, member of central cadre of the organization, in charge of the situation in Jangal, the planner of the attack on Amol and murderer of dozens of young citizens of Amol who were wounded in this operation.

2. Faramarz Semnani, alias Mostafa, the theoretician and the brain of the organization, member of the central cadre and Central Committee of the organization, general secretary of the (Ahya') confederation in the U.S. This person lived for 15 years in Berkeley in the States and returned to Iran during the revolution.

3. Vahid Sari'olqalam, alias Mostafa, former head of the organization, member of the Central Committee and central cadre of the organization. He lived for 14 years in Kansas City, Chicago, Oklahoma and Los Angeles.

4. Farid Sari'olqalam, alias Ehsan, member of the central cadre and head of the printing and publishing department. He lived in Kansas City for 10 years.

5. 'Abdorrahman Azmayesh, alias Dariush, member of the central organization, in charge of the labor section and in charge of the Tehran committee. He lived in Hawaii for 4 years.

6. Mohamad Hoseyn 'Aliabadi, alias Hasan, former member of the central cadre, member of the publishing group and in charge of investigation. He lived in San Jose for 15 years.

7. Farajollah Lesani, alias Fariborz and Aqamirza, member of the publishing group. He, as the representative of the organization, attended a discussion with the famous liberal Abolhasan Bani-Sadr at San'ati University in 1979. He lived in Michigan for 9 years.

8. Ferydun Khorramruy, alias Mirza Yusef, former chief of Esfahan and deputy in charge of guerrilla operations.

9. Mohammad Reza Yusefi, alias Mahmud Gilan, former chief of Gilan and publishing contact with the central cadre. He lived in Los Angeles for 9 years.

10. Mohammadreza Baghban Ahvazi, alias 'Abbas, member of the central cadre and head of the Khuzestan branch.

11. Sareq Khabbaz, alias Samad, also in possession of a false birth certificate in the name of Ahmad Dustan, member of the Tehran committee and former chief of the Dezful section. He was responsible for hijacking an airplane to Baghdad in 1970.

12. 'Abbas Sa'idazari, alias 'Ali, chief of Alharar group, the Arabic section of the organization.

13. Hamid Ayyub, alias Jasem, head of Abadan section.

14. 'Alibaba Shahni-Arzani, alias Javad, chief of the Ahvaz section of the organization.

15. Nasrin Jaza'eri, alias Parvaneh, chief of the Peyk committee of the organization. She lived in Chicago for 3 years.

We should explain that this American minigroup that believed in participating in the war between Iran and Iraq has stolen many arms from the fronts and has used most of these arms against the citizens of Amol. They spilled the pure blood of our dear Hezbollahi nation in the streets of Amol. Thus, they remained loyal to their promise to the great Satan, the United States. In this way, many families were bereaved.

In relation to this, with the effort and help of the prosecutor of Ahvaz and the revolution guards of the zone, a great amount of ammunition and a great number of heavy and light arms that were hidden in Abadan were discovered and confiscated.

With the hope of victory of the guards of Islam and the shattering of the internal agents of America, peace be upon whoever follows the guidance.

[Signed] The Public Relations Office of the Central Islamic Revolution Prosecutor's Office

MOJAHEDIN ISSUE STATEMENT ON OPERATIONS

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[Text] According to our correspondent's report, the office of the Mojahedin-e Khalq Organization [MKO] in Paris has issued a statement concerning MKO operations during the past few days. It states:

On 18 August, a group of Khomeyni's guards in a post named after the annihilated Beheshti in west Tehran were attacked by the armed fighters. Two of the guards, Nikravesh and Shekari, were killed.

On 26 August, the guards at Dehqani post in Rasht's Farhang Square were attacked by the fighting forces opposing the regime. Two of them, Ebrahim Mohammadi-'Adl and Rahman Raaj, were annihilated.

In an attack by the armed combatants, mullah Montazeri's representative in Rasht, named Mullah 'Ali Akbar (?Ruhi), was severely wounded.

Mostafa Haqshenas, commander of the guards and the committees of Arak township, was destroyed by the armed fighters on 27 August.

Our correspondent in Tehran has reported that the latest statement by the MKO was widely distributed in Tehran's districts last night. The statement also notes that the punishment of the criminal mullahs will continue.

MUSAVI BANS FURTHER TRANSFER OF JEWELRY ABROAD

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[Text] The Public Relations Office of the prime minister's office announced: Mr Mir-Hoseyn Musavi, the prime minister, in a letter to the Ministry of Economy and Finance, has ordered the cancellation of Clause 3 approved by the Cabinet concerning permits to take personal jewelry valued at up to 400,000 rials out of the country on the basis of another Cabinet decision. Following is the text of the prime minister's letter:

In His exalted name. Brother Namazi, please order the cancellation of Clause 3 No 32004 approved on 17 July 1982 by the Cabinet allowing passengers to take personal jewelry out of the country until a further decision has been made by the Cabinet and announce that former regulations will be in effect.

[Signed] Mir-Hoseyn Musavi, prime minister